

# WHY CHOOSE HISTORY AT IGCSE?



**I WANT YOU  
FOR HISTORY!**  
NEAREST RECRUITING STATION

At the end of this year you  
could drop History....

But WAIT!!

This Leaflet will explain what IGCSE  
History has to offer **YOU** & what we will  
be studying next year. Read it, talk to your  
teacher, talk to your parents, talk to  
students in year 10 & 11 actually doing  
History and then make your mind up!

Remember: History, and school is not  
just about getting a job. You want to  
enjoy yourself AND do well.

Ultimately your decision needs to be a  
combination of subjects that you enjoy  
and ones that you think you might need  
in the future.

However if you do already have an eye  
on the future then you can be sure that  
studying History is an excellent choice  
and highly respected by employers.

The following are all jobs done by people with  
at least GCSE history. Is what you want to do  
among them?

- Lawyer, CEO of global company,  
Advertising Manager, Newspaper Editor,  
Writer, Personal Assistant, Public Relations,  
Illustrator, Technician, Actor, TV Presenter,  
ICT Manager, Marketing Executive,  
Accountant, Customer Care Manager,  
Psychologist, Economist, Occupational  
Therapist, Teacher, Politician, and many  
more...

For More information speak to Mr. Wright  
or Mrs Brinn who teach IGCSE history.  
feel free to email questions to:

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'The study of History  
is the beginning of wisdom.' - Jean Bodin

## The IGCSE History course at Dulwich College Shanghai in brief:

### Subjects studied include:

1. Russian History: The Russian  
Revolution, Stalin, WW2,  
Khrushchev.

You will study the world altering events  
of the Russian Revolution which  
brought the worlds first Communist  
country into being! Then you will look at  
the rule of Stalin, possibly the worlds  
most brutal dictator of all time. Finally  
we take a look at his successor, Nikita  
Khrushchev who nearly brought about  
the end of the world during the Cuban  
Missile Crisis.

2. Middle Eastern History since 1945:  
The Establishment of Israel, the  
Israeli-Arab conflict, international  
terrorism.

You study the History of this troubled  
region since the end of WW2. We will  
look at why so many different people  
have fought over a small piece of land  
in the Middle East and the huge  
consequences this has had for the  
people that live there and for the wider  
world, consequences that continue  
through to this very day!

3. The USA 1917-1929: Prohibition,  
Gangsterism, Hollywood.

Who was Al Capone? Why did the  
USA ban alcohol in the 1920's, Why  
was it a failure? And much more!

### Exams:

1. 2.5 hour exam = 75% of the marks
2. Coursework on the Middle East =  
25% of the marks.

Any questions? Just ask Mr. Wright or  
Mrs Brinn.

## HISTORY

As one of the most highly regarded subjects for University entry, along with English, Maths and Science.

Source: BBC Education

Here are two very different History Graduates!



**Borat, aka ALi G!**  
**aka comedian Sacha Baron Cohen!**



**Gordon Brown, British Prime Minister and former Chancellor.**

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'We should always be aware that what now lies in the past once lay in the future.' -  
F.W. Maitland

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Or of course you could sneak a look at the 'year 10' section of the Wiki that you use in year 9



"You can get more with a nice word and a gun than you can with a nice word. "  
P.S. Take History if you want to learn more about me!

## Is History going to be enjoyable to study?

Think about it, What's the most interesting thing in the world? Isn't it people? Real people? Well that's what history is about. If you like people, you should like history. People are so unpredictable and one small action can change the world. To understand the world today you need to understand how we got to this point. History will explain so many things:

- Why am I always hearing about a 'crisis in the Middle East'?
- How do governments and leaders use information to manipulate people?
- What exactly is Communism?

And much much more....

## Why do employers like History as a subject?

Because they know that....

- ◆ You can understand how people tick, what motivates them, what they think and feel.
- ◆ You are able to gather and read and use different sorts of information.
- ◆ You are able to look carefully at all these different types of information and can check it for bias or propaganda.
- ◆ You can read and understand maps, graphs, charts and other diagrams.
- ◆ You are able to communicate clearly and have learned to express yourself orally and in writing.

In fact a Guardian Newspaper article that covered the value of studying history was entitled: "Report highlights golden future of history graduates"

## What sort of work will we do in class?

- Varied, challenging and thought provoking work
- Group work
- Producing presentations
- Producing mock propaganda using imovie
- Analyzing sources for bias
- Mind Mapping
- Class debates & discussions